Entry of Reliance in LPG retail market

1053. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Company is entering in the retail market of LPG in the country;

(b) if so, what will be the price of the LPG in comparison to that already supplied by Government to the consumers;

(c) whether the price would include the subsidy also; and

(d) if not, what would be the outlet for the disposal of the LPG produced by the Reliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) The reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL) is allowed to market LPG under Parallel Marketing System under which, a parallel marketeer is allowed to carry out any or all of the business of importing, bottling, storing, distribution or selling in bulk or in retail, packed or filled in cylinder, Liquified Petroleum Gas under his own arrangement at non-subsidised market determined prices. Indigenously produced LPG by M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited is marketed through Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies, at present.

Estimated oil import bill

1054. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil import bill of Government are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the details of oil import bill during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the estimated oil import bill during the current financial year;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to check the increase in oil import bill; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?